



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: DEVICE FOR REWRITING SOFTWARE PROGRAMS IN PERIPHERAL DEVICES
CONNECTED TO A NETWORK

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001 and the personal interview held on March 19, 2002, the period for reply extended by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time to March 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-10; 12, 13 and 15 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A peripheral device connected to a network comprising:
a transmission unit that performs transmission and reception of data over the network to and from another peripheral device connected to the network;
a memory that stores a software program to be used by the peripheral device for executing prescribed operations;
a type judgement unit that judges whether the another peripheral device stores, in a rewritable manner, a same type of software program as the software program